

Washington Arms Tavern
Near Dover, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Theresa A. Bennett

Date of Erection: Later half of 18th century

Architect:

Builder: Probably a member of the Jackson family

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half, with one and
one-half story wing on East
elevation

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame con-
struction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside stone and brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main portion;
pitch on wing

Historical Data:

The earliest record found concerns the year 1803 when Stephen Jackson transferred title for the property to Joseph and Jane Jackson. This was undoubtedly the same family that built the Jackson House (NJ-507) at Rockaway. The Jackson family was a large one and there are several Stephens listed in the genealogy of the family; it has been impossible to determine which one is concerned here and who was the father of Stephen. The records at Trenton

do not furnish any clue before 1803. The property was sold out of the Jackson family in 1808. There are six transfers recorded between that date and 1915 when John B. Bennett obtained possession. The present owner, his widow, holds title by virtue of his will.

As far as we have been able to ascertain the name Washington Arms Tavern has no historical significance; that was the name given to it when it was a hotel. It is now used as a residence.

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